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ABSTRACT

The convergence of the telecommunications, computer, and cable television industries is beginning to take place. Each of the seven articles in this volume provides a perspective on either the forces that are influencing the convergence of media or on the impact that this convergence is having on the rest of the world. They address the issues of government regulations, new technology trends, software compatibility, collaborations between business firms, global collaboration among individuals, and the impact of new technologies on learning and the American household. The titles of the articles are as follows: "Introduction" (Richard P. Adler); "The Economic Impetus for Convergence in Telecommunications" (Robert W. Crandall); "Convergence of Telecommunications, Cable, and Computers in the 21st Century: A Personal View of the Technology" (John E. Midwinter); "Convergence and the Development of Business Ecosystems" (James F. Moore); "The Nature of Work in 2010: Convergence and the Workplace" (Eric Edwards Vogt); "The Technology of Learning" (Barbara Kurshan and Cecilia Lenk); and "Divergence Amid Convergence: The Evolving Information Environment of the Home" (Jorge Reina Schement). A section containing brief biographical sketches of the authors is appended. (MAS)

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